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Immunizations are safe, effective and the best way to protect Los Angeles County residents and the communities in which they live against serious and sometimes deadly vaccine-preventable diseases.

Over seventy percent of Los Angeles County's residents are adults eighteen years of age or older and many are at risk for serious diseases such as influenza (flu), pneumonia, measles, mumps, hepatitis A and B, tetanus and varicella. These diseases result in many thousands of hospitalizations and complications including heart failure, pneumonia, liver failure, hearing loss and death every year. Influenza and pneumonia together are a leading cause of death among older adults in Los Angeles County. Many Los Angeles County adult residents have not received the immunizations to protect them from these vaccine-preventable diseases.

National Adult Immunization Awareness Week 2008 is a coalition of concerned health and community organizations that have joined together to observe National Adult Immunization Awareness Week to increase awareness about the benefits, importance and safety of immunization for adults.

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I, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

**Proclaim Sunday, September 21st through Saturday, September 27th as
National Adult Immunization Week 2008** to bring attention to the community health care
centers that provide immensely needed health services to the residents of Los Angeles
County.

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